



FIRST THANKSGIVING RE-CREATED: Washington school Indian Scotty Jasinski and Bard school Pilgrim Brian Broyles re-enact the first Thanksgiving in the Washington school, St. Joseph, kindergarten. Bard kindergartners, from Benton Harbor, brought greens, cornbread and sweet potato pie and visited the Indians at Washington school

who served orange drink and candy. The kindergartners were brought together by Miss Kathy Kuschel, Washington kindergarten teacher and her student teacher aide, Miss Julie Cole of Benton Harbor and Bard kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Carol Apple and her aide, Mrs. Birdie Bell. (Staff photo by Dick Derrick)

\$100,000 At Issue

FBI Mum On Rebozo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite an oft-stated policy of candor, FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley says the agency will tell the public nothing about a Miami FBI agent's contacts with President Nixon's friend, Charles G. "Bebe" Rebozo. Kelley directed Tuesday that the agency refuse answers to

several key questions which could either support or contradict an account Nixon has given a group of Republican congressmen.

At Kelley's order, FBI spokesmen say they will not answer the questions because of the confidentiality of a Senate Watergate committee staff in-

terview with the agent, Kenneth W. Whittaker, who is in charge of the Miami office.

But Robert Franck, assistant FBI director in charge of the external affairs division, said the committee had not requested the FBI to keep silent about Whittaker's contacts with Rebozo.

W. Hall Smith, a spokesman for committee Chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr., said he was amazed that the FBI would cite the committee staff interview as a reason for refusing to answer questions about the situation.

Franck said the fact that Nixon himself first mentioned the episode does not alter Kelley's decision for secrecy.

At a Friday meeting with the congressmen, Nixon spoke about the \$100,000 political contribution given to Rebozo for the Nixon campaign by industrialist Howard Hughes. Rebozo has said he received the money in 1970 and kept it in a safe deposit box until returning it last June.

Questions have arisen about whether the money Rebozo returned was the same cash he received, or whether the sum initially received might have been used in some way before it was returned.

Nixon told the congressmen that Rebozo "had the FBI check it out," according to Rep. Charles W. Whalen, ROhio, who took notes on the session.

Nixon said the FBI took fingerprints from the currency and checked the serial numbers of the bills, Whalen told a reporter. "He left the implication that the serial numbers checked with the same money received two years earlier, but he didn't say that," the congressmen reported.

In Tuesday editions, the New York Times identified Whittaker as the agent involved in the episode and described him as a personal friend of Rebozo.

The Times reported that Whittaker has told superiors that in response to Rebozo's request, he informed Rebozo he could not verify that the cash returned was identical to the cash received.

Whittaker questioned why the FBI was involved. "In the first place, what's the FBI doing there? Under whose authority?" he asked.

Newsmen put the same question to FBI spokesmen who refused comment.

Franck and other spokesmen also refused to answer these questions:

—Is Whittaker a personal

friend of Rebozo?

—Did Rebozo ask the agent to inspect the money and did Whittaker do so? When did this take place?

—Did Whittaker or anyone else in the FBI run checks on fingerprints and serial numbers

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Driving at 50 miles per hour in the handful of states that have made that the mandatory speed limit is an experience in being left behind, an on-the-road survey suggests.

But the minitest conducted Tuesday on various Interstates also indicated that the lower limit does result in an over-all reduction in the average speed of traffic.

For the survey, Associated Press newsmen drove for a half hour at 50 m.p.h., starting at 10 a.m. local time.

"My general impression was that everyone else was gaining on me," said a reporter who drove on the New Jersey Turnpike. He said he passed seven trucks and two cars and watched 181 vehicles go by him.

Allan Auerbach, a Brooklyn salesman driving on the turnpike, said he thought the new limit had helped.

"They did slow down, to 60," he said. "When the speed limit was 60, everybody did 70. They're 10 miles slower now, and when you see a cop you slow down a little more."

On Interstate 5 north of Seattle, Wash., the count was 17 vehicles passed and 82 that passed the AP car. Most of the traffic appeared to be going between 55 and 58 m.p.h.

The new limit in Oregon is 55 m.p.h. and the survey there found the average speed on In-

terstate 80 east of Portland was 60 to 62 m.p.h.

"It's hard to keep my foot out of it," said tractor-trailer driver Jim Johnson at a truck stop on the route that traces the old Oregon Trail. "Some of the drivers gripe about it, but mostly we just do it — something you have to adjust to like anything else."

"I'd like it if everybody

abides by it, but it's not working," said Madeline Fanning of Falmouth, Mass., who was traveling 50 m.p.h. on an Interstate in Rhode Island and found most of the traffic passed her.

About 85 per cent of the traffic on Interstate 93 north of Boston appeared to be exceeding the posted 50 m.p.h. limit. The AP auto passed seven vehicles and

was passed by 65, including a state car.

Massachusetts state police said they are not enforcing the new limit until the signs are posted throughout the state, probably Friday.

Maj. Nicholas Lecakes of the New York State Police said his reports were that "most people are complying.... I think it's a

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19-POINT RACK: John D. Latch, 24, of Coloma, bagged his first deer Tuesday, and its 19-point rack of antlers is the largest so far this season in the southwestern Michigan area. Latch estimated weight of buck at about 180 pounds. He said he was hunting along the Paw Paw river just east of County Line road near Watervliet in Van Buren county, and had only been out for an hour when he scored this trophy. Latch presently is unemployed, having been left jobless when Benton Harbor Malleable closed its foundry last month. (David Arndt photo)

Arab Sees Benefit From Cold Bedrooms

the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Wearing his usual suspenders and spectacles, Barrody said in an interview that the Arab oil embargo on the United States, Western Europe and Japan would continue until they adopted a new policy toward Israel.

He said it was too early to judge whether the oil diplomacy had produced the effects desired by the Arabs. But he said time is on the Arabs' side.

"Our policy was formulated after about a quarter century of occupation. We are not waiting to see from one minute to the next if the policy changes," he said. "Such changes take time."

The oil embargo was forced by the United States and others, he said.

"We tried to reason with them. This was their choice, not our choice," he said.

"You call this blackmail. You call this extortion. But didn't the United States put embargoes on goods to Japan and Germany in times of war?" he asked.

He said Arabs ought to stop buying U.S. goods as well.

"We can live without anything from America. We have existed for 6,000 years, and you are a very young country," Barrody said.

"We can't hurt the United States, of course. But maybe if we stop buying, we can bring it home to Americans what we are saying."

He added that Arabs are not worried that alternate energy sources might be developed.

"We are never worried. We live without selling oil for 6,000 years. So what if nobody wants to buy our oil? We can use it ourselves."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford faces confirmation questions on his effort in 1970 to impeach Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

Ford's list of possible impeachments in 1970 largely on the basis of his writings and the fact that he was head of a foundation that received Las Vegas casino-hotel funds.

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No Paper Thursday

This newspaper will not publish tomorrow because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

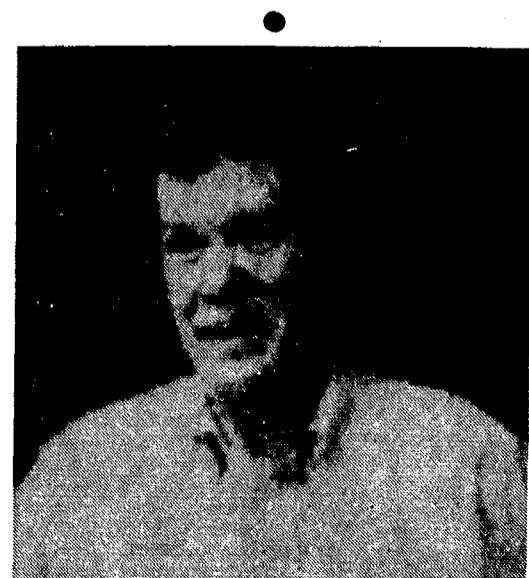
City of St. Joseph rubbish collection scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 22, will be picked up Fri., Nov. 23. Adv.

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JAILED DOCTOR: Dr. Phillip Hall is the object of controversy in Clarksburg, West Virginia as he sits in jail for failure to pay alimony. Meanwhile, mothers of the children the pediatrician is supposed to be treating are picketing the jail. (AP Wirephoto)

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorChallenges Are Great--
So Are The Opportunities

A question finds an answer. And the cynic says: "What is there to be thankful for?"

"What is there to be thankful for when wars prevail, when turmoil and strife divide us?"

"Why is there cause for thanksgiving when so many are hurting and killing others in hatred and fury?"

"How can we give thanks when crime and violence and disunity thrive in our own country and many people, even at the very highest levels, are forsaking brotherly love and the dignity of law?"

The cynic is unobserving. He fails to see the vast majority of men yearning and praying and striving for peace. He does not take into account that for every breaker of the law there are thousands who respect and obey it.

The cynic overlooks the nation's inherent strength and its ability to heal internal differences and stand

fiercely united in the face of common danger.

He ignores the advance in public welfare and the daily countless evidences of man's charity and compassion for those in need.

Nothing to be thankful for?

No thanksgiving that our country is proving once again that although severely tried, its carefully wrought governmental system of checks and balances does work and can restore the national equilibrium?

No cause for gratitude that we are facing up to our problems and are determined to illuminate the facts, no matter how painful, with the light of truth?

No thanks that although the challenges facing the nation may be great, so are the opportunities?

When or where has there been greater cause for gratitude?

Let us offer thanks.

Testing New Weapon
On Hospital Costs

Michigan Blue Cross announced Monday the formalizing of a new reimbursement plan with 12 hospitals.

Coldwater's Community Health Center is the closest one in our area to sign up for the experiment.

Blue Cross labels it prospective reimbursement.

The existing system under which most hospitals in the state are paid by the insurance carrier is retrospective.

The hospital bills Blue Cross for its total expense, including depreciation, bad debts and interest on indebtedness. Additionally, it is allowed a two per cent profit margin. Subtracted from the payment is revenue the hospital receives from sideline activities such as endowment income, the profit on running a cafeteria available to the public, and the sale of publications.

The method has been under rising attack for several years as encouraging loose operational practice within the hospital. Critics have likened it to the prodigal son telling his creditors to charge everything to the old man.

Back of the protest is the burgeoning health care cost which has doubled within the past 15 years. Though much of the increase is beyond a hospital's control, the retrospective payment plan fuels the fire of suspicion that the system encourages rounding all the corners.

In 1970 when Blue Cross was presenting the newest in its frequent requests for a rate hike, the Michigan Insurance Commissioner said the carrier, by far the largest insurer in the state, should take the lead in seeing what new approach might be taken.

Prospective reimbursement is a trial reply to a suggestion which, considering its source, is more than a hint.

Blue Cross and the hospital negotiates a total reimbursement figure to be paid weekly over a year's span.

If the hospital's budget misses the boat, the institution swallows the deficit.

Calling Marshal Dillon

Rustling never completely died out, but it has now reached a scale which old-time rustlers probably never dreamed of. While steers are still a favorite target of thieves specializing

in four-footed animals, pigs, chickens and anything else with adequate poundage have been taken in late night forays.

As in former times, there is talk of vigilante action. In Illinois, which counted nearly 1,000 head of cattle stolen in the first six months this year, twice as many as in all of 1972, and a record for the state, nighttime surveillance of the herds is seriously considered.

Branding is not as effective as it once was in determining ownership, because many rustlers today butcher the animal where they find it and leave the hide behind. If, as it appears, rustling has become a crime of individuals rather than gangs, it will be more difficult to control.

Modern rustlers also have greater mobility, frequently operating along modern highways, but the modern vigilante has a similar advantage.

Leniency of courts when rustlers are brought in probably is as much responsible for the increase in this crime as anything. Rustlers of old were not

Thanks For Thy Bounty...May We Use It Wisely



Bruce Biosat

SALT Talks

Not Worth Salt



WASHINGTON (NEA) — The basic flimsiness of the SALT I U.S.-Soviet disarmament agreement has always been the strongest reason to doubt whether the much advertised detente between the two nations had much real substance.

This is offered to put in perspective the arguments that our recent worldwide military alert at a tight moment in the Middle East war called the depth of detente into question.

Aside from trade approaches clearly much desired by Moscow, SALT I has been the key concrete achievement used to rebut skeptics who argued that detente up to now has been mostly a tossing off of toasts beneath tinkling chandeliers.

SALT I was hailed because it narrowly limited development and deployment of ABM missile defense systems, and also fixed the number of missiles each country could maintain. The Soviet Union was given a numerical and percentage advantage in this accord, on the theory it was necessary to balance the acknowledged greater sophistication of our missile weaponry — especially that in our Polaris-Poseidon submarine fleet.

The trouble is, as specialist

Herbert F. York writes in the November Scientific American, that MIRVing has a whole host of attractions for a major nuclear power.

A missile with many warheads independently targeted is a cheaper device, if the goal is to hit many targets, than a whole array of single weapons separately propelled.

In York's view, sending off a MIRVed weapon which later dispatches several warheads to widely separated points actually goes beyond confusing an enemy's defense and exhausts its capacity to cope adequately with the attack.

Mortgagin' Meeps

Campaign Would
Be Too Costly

GLANCING BACKWARDS

TWIN CITY PLAYERS'
PRODUCTION OPENS

— 1 Year Ago —

Rose Marie Roth portrays the mother and Gary Bryant portrays the son, Norman, in Twin City Players' production of "Norman, Is That You?" which opens Thursday, Nov. 23 and will be presented again Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-26 and Nov. 30-Dec. 6, at the

Studio-Theatre, Red Arrow highway, St. Joseph.

The play is an adult comedy. All seats can be reserved by calling the box office from 7 to 9 p.m. any evening.

WE CAN KEEP
OUR AIRPORT!

— 10 Years Ago —

The Civil Aeronautics Board won't try to force St. Joseph-

Benton Harbor into a regional airport system with South Bend, Ind. Atty. Jerry P. McKinnon of the CAB's Bureau of Economic Relations, moved that the current investigation into Michigan area air service will center only on the Battle Creek-Kalamazoo service area issue.

It was welcome news for the Twin City airport board and somewhat unexpected.

WAR LOAN BONDS
NEAR QUOTA

— 29 Years Ago —

Sixth War Loan bond sales in St. Joseph to date total \$119,623, Chairman Robert H. Ludwig reported today. The city's quota in the drive is \$1,378,800.

"These reports are splendid, but much remains to be done if St. Joseph is to attain its quota," Chairman Ludwig pointed out in urging the bond salesmen to step up the tempo of the campaign.

VIEW NEW DODGES

— 39 Years Ago —

Ed Bartz of the Bartz Motor company, Tom Dewhirst and John Gray, sales manager of the House of David Plymouth-Dodge agency, have gone to Detroit to view the first showing of the new Dodge and Plymouth cars.

GOES TO CHICAGO

— 49 Years Ago —

Mrs. F.O. Ludlow of 2150 Niles avenue has gone to Chicago to attend the Smith college convention.

SAY "NO" TO RAFFLES

— 69 Years Ago —

Among other things taken care of at its regular meeting, the common council decided that turkey raffles should be banned this year. Acting Mayor Dickinson said the subject had been broached by several persons who wanted to run raffles, but he referred the matter to the aldermen, who voted "no."

William A. Rodgers
Bridgeman.TALK ABOUT
FREE ENTERPRISE'

Editor.

Two interesting letters have appeared in this paper recently. Pat Young's attack on President Nixon and Neil Iwan's answer in defense of Mr. Nixon.

It is interesting that Neil defends Mr. Nixon's proposed legislation "to accomplish things that we as individuals are too apathetic to do anything about" as measures to enable us to maintain our standards of living. Government spending is another field defended by Neil with the statement, "Government spending is essential to the expansion and well-being of our economy. Without government spending our country would plunge into a very deep depression much like that of the 1930's."

Even Mr. Nixon still talks of the United States as a Non-Communist country with a free enterprise economy. The part that goes unnoticed is that Mr. Nixon talks about one thing, 'Free Enterprise', and what he

JOINS WESTERN UNION

— 83 Years Ago —

Miss Grace Robinson, formerly telegraph operator at Bridgeman, has taken a position here with the Western Union.

BERRY'S WORLD



"We can't afford the traditional turkey this year, but I got this plastic one for a table decoration."

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No Deduction

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) —
Former President Lyndon B. Johnson gave the bulk of his papers to the United States without obtaining any tax advantage, says the director of the

begin campaigning in earnest only two months from now. The most popular theory — and concern hereabouts — is that the public is so disgusted with all politicians they are in a mood to turn the rascals out, no matter what the party label.

But the situation is clearly more complicated than that. Incumbent Senators with a reputation for independence and concern for the public interest, such as Democrat Birch Bayh of Indiana, have less to fear than Senators whose contributions have come overwhelmingly from business interests, such as Republican Peter Dominick of Colorado.

Republicans who have put some political distance between themselves and Richard Nixon, such as Charles Mathias of Maryland, are in better shape than those who are identified with the White House, such as Edward Gurney of Florida. Yet the Democrat who is philosophically farthest from Nixon, George McGovern of South Dakota, is on shakier ground for re-election than most of his party colleagues who are up next year.

Money may indeed make the difference. With public reporting, not only how much but where it comes from becomes vitally important. And undeniably incumbents have the advantage there over lesser known rivals.

Even in Nevada, which has fewer voters than 46 other states, Democratic Senate candidate Thomas Mechling figures his campaign will cost at least \$200,000, which is a far cry from the \$15,000 he spent on his first Senate try in 1952.

Funds will be harder to come by for everybody next year, both because of public distaste for politics and industry resistance to having its donations publicized. Republicans are not eager to ask their party superstar, the President, to appear as chief crowd lure at fund-raising dinners, for obvious reasons. Democrats don't have any saleable super-star but Teddy Kennedy, and he is of dubious political value in light of the way Watergate has revived memories of Chappaquiddick. (There is also Sam Ervin, chairman of the Watergate Committee, but some Democratic Senators think even he is too closely associated with the whole mess to be a political play)

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Twin City
Highlights

Suburbs Might Use Sewer Line Despite Damage

By JERRY KRIEGER

County-Farm Editor

The Hickory Creek sewer interceptor, even with a damaged 600-foot section, could be put into use soon and the repairs done later.

Representatives of Lincoln and St. Joseph townships told the Berrien board of public works (BPW) Tuesday they would like to see the big line put in operation as soon as possible. However, they first want to be sure they don't forfeit any rights or guarantees or imply acceptance of the damaged line. The townships also want to determine if such a course would adversely affect government grants for the project.

The proposal to put the seven-mile interceptor into use and make repairs later took root at a meeting of various interested parties at the courthouse in St. Joseph. The meeting, a regular session of the BPW, started with tempers only thinly disguised but gradually took on a more cooperative tone.

The BPW had invited the townships, contractor, engineers and the county road commission to attend. BPW Member Clifford Emlong asked at the outset of the meeting if anyone who had any responsibility for the faulty project was willing to participate in the cost of finishing the job. The question met with stony silence.

The Berrien county road commission was not represented.

The road commission was described as having a "potential of responsibility" for the line damage. Project Engineer Joseph Craigmire had said 4 to 6 extra feet of fill dirt to raise the roadbed of Cleveland avenue in the Hickory Creek ravine after the sewer line was laid was a major cause of the distortion of the line. He said heavy machinery run across the buried line by road builders also contributed to the damage.

Craigmire last week told the BPW the line meets acceptance standards over its entire length from Stevensville to St. Joseph, except for about 600 feet where the pipe runs along the west side of the Cleveland avenue roadbed and then crosses under the road and runs east out into the ravine. Some of the 42-inch pipes have flattened excessively from weight of the overburden and some have shifted out of alignment.

John Yerington and other representatives of the interceptor contractor, Yerington & Harris, denied any blame for the problem. Their attorney declared they were prepared to go to court if necessary.

John Yerington declared that in building the line "We did whatever the engineer said we must do." Later, in a more conciliatory tone, he said however, "We'll do our part in repairing the damaged section." He offered to give BPW a "good price."

Engineer Craigmire said in response to questions that the contractor had followed specifications. Craigmire,

however, would not accept any intimation of blame on the part of the county's engineering firm, Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May.

Mrs. Bernice Tretheway, Lincoln township clerk, said every hour of delay in getting the sewer line in operation is costing the township money.

Craigmire said the BPW contract allows the county to make use of any portion of the line, even before it is formally accepted. With that, the idea of getting the pipe "on line" now and correcting the fault later grew in interest.

The question of who would pay for the correction job was left unanswered yesterday.

Craigmire outlined three alternatives for correcting the problem section. Alternate I would install new pipe to take out a "V" in the line that is the location of all the trouble. Alternate II would move the two sides of the "V" away from the roadbed further out into the

ravine. Alternate III would follow the existing trenches but with thicker pipe and more supporting piles.

Almost uniformly, BPW members and township representatives indicated preference for Alternate I, which happily also had the lowest cost estimate, \$70,000. Alternate I would straighten out the line, by cutting across the top of the existing "V", and make a straight on approach and departure from the troublesome roadbed.

It will be necessary to obtain an easement across private property for Alternative I, and it was pointed out that if condemnation is necessary it could take most of a year to clear the way for this route.

Craigmire told those present that the unacceptable part of the line is useable and can handle 13.5 million gallons of sewage per day, which would be very ample for well beyond the year that the repair process could require.

BENTON APARTMENTS GO UP: First three buildings (center, right) of Hull's Terra apartment complex in Benton township are nearing completion, with minor interior work and water hook-up yet to be done. Hull's Terra is on 23-acre site off Britain avenue between Crystal and Euclid avenues, and is being built by H & H

Construction Co., headed by Ellis Hull, Sr. Hull said 20 units in three buildings should be ready for occupancy by Jan. 1, and 30 more units should be ready in February. First phase calls for 110 apartments, and second phase for 88 more in a total of 17 buildings. (Adolph Hann aerial photo)

Pearson's Bid Appears Lowest On SJ Project

Pearson Construction Company of Benton Harbor was the apparent low bidder Tuesday at \$2,898,000 for the contract to expand the St. Joseph water treatment plant.

Pearson's bid was about \$200,000 below the estimate by engineers. Four other bids were within \$62,000 of each other ranging to a high of \$3,155,345.

Apparent low bidder for a second contract for connecting pipe was Woodruff and Sons of Michigan City, Ind. Woodruff's bid was \$177,681 and \$168,181. Engineers had estimated \$210,000.

The bids opened at the county courthouse, St. Joseph, were given to Consoer, Townsend and Associates of Chicago, consulting engineers, for analysis and recommendation to the Berrien county board of public works (BPW) at its next meeting.

The contract is for the first phase of St. Joseph's water plant expansion. The total cost for phase one will be \$4.7

million including the construction, engineering, legal, and administrative costs. The expansion will increase the plant's capacity from 8 to 12 million gallons a day.

Gerald W. Heppeler, assistant city manager, said the first phase will take the city through 1980 and will be followed by two other expansion phases up to the year 2000. The total estimated cost for the three phases is \$10 million.

Other bidders for the construction contract were: Holland Construction Company of St. Joseph, \$3,092,000; Superior Construction Company of Gary, Ind., \$3,117,200; Sollitt construction Company of South Bend, \$3,119,350; and the Paul A. Lawrence Company of Minnesota, \$3,155,345.

The other bids on the pipe to connect the plant with an existing transmission main were by Yerington & Harris Company of Benton Harbor, \$265,088, and \$273,803.

Lincoln Delays Signing Sewer Line Contract

Lincoln township board postponed formal signing of an agreement to share with St. Joseph township the cost of a sewer line hookup with the Twin Cities sewer plant last night.

"It's apparent to me we have

to have more discussion on the costs of the interceptor," said Township Supervisor Ernest Hauch. But he said the review did not mean the board was wavering in its previous commitment to pay its share of the project.

The proposed \$1 million sewer line would serve collection systems of both townships, being the main link to the disposal plant. The delay would not postpone construction work, board members said. The board met in a special session after postponing signing the agreement a week ago.

Other board trustees indicated they wanted costs of maintenance based on use rather than on the 50-50 agreement for initial construction.

Trustee Donald Chapman said he was also concerned that costs of future expansion of the system might fall to heavily on the shoulders of the township.

In a related action, the board gave tentative approval to an agreement to share with St. Joseph township use and cost fees for the Maiden Lane sewer line but sent the agreement to the board's attorney for final study.

"I watched the house and saw little activity inside— I mean she wasn't lifting barbells in front of her picture window or anything like that," Taylor said he wrote a report, and the

board approved by the Benton township planning commission. They were:

A special use permit for Whirlpool Corp. for construction of a maintenance garage on Monte road;

A used car license for Donald Gross for G & G Motor Sales at 1635 Red Arrow highway;

And a land split for Ellis Hull, Sr., for a 25-acre parcel at 1946 East Britain avenue (Hull's Terra).

In other matters, the board:

Approved membership dues of \$250 for the Twin Cities Area Safety Council.

Agreed to give a \$500 donation to Blossomtime, Inc.

Approved a contract for a sewer line on M-139 near Whirlpool's administrative center to Yerington and Harris Construction Co. for \$83,536.

Real Life Different Than TV Shows

BH 'Eye' Tells It Straight

By NICK SMITH

Staff Writer

Any resemblance between a true private detective and one seen on your TV screen is a rarity, according to Abbott Taylor of Benton Harbor.

Abbott says he knows of no private eyes who go around shooting people, they don't drive big new cars with telephones, and seldom, if ever,

have 21-year-old, green-eyed, well-built women clients who are looking for a lost husband father, sister, mother, etc. Neither are they knight-errants shown on television nor the paid Peeping Toms that many people scornfully believe them to be.

Taylor, without a penthouse office, works in the dining room of his home at 457 Division street where he spends a lot of time typing reports. A wife and three children in the house doesn't help his concentration while he's working there. He has no secretary.

He opened the one-man agency in April. He works mostly at night, giving the grounds and buildings of several Twin City businesses more thorough inspection than the owners expect from police. He terms these security checks his "bread and butter," that part of the business which gives a reliable daily income. His fee ranges from \$4 to \$10 an hour, depending upon the type of work and the client, he said.

During the day Taylor adheres more to the mold of the hard-boiled detective. He conducts investigations for a variety of clients, including insurance companies.

Recently Taylor did a job for an insurance company that involved investigating a woman who allegedly was totally disabled from a work-injured injury. Taylor explained the mechanics of the investigation.

"I went to her neighborhood and talked to some of her neighbors and told them my business. Some answered questions, some slammed the door in my face. People get jumpy sometimes when you investigate their neighbor."

Taylor said he next "set up surveillance" by sitting in his parked car and watching her house. He was waiting for her to leave the house and drive to another job, which would disqualify her claim to the insurance company that she was unable to work. The woman did not leave, Taylor said.

"I watched the house and saw little activity inside— I mean she wasn't lifting barbells in front of her picture window or anything like that," Taylor said he wrote a report, and the

surance money with wages earned where "social security number" is spoken less often than "Trabajo!" (Go to work!)

Abbott Taylor used to pack his .38 caliber revolver hung upside down under his armpit from a shoulder holster, like Hollywood's detectives do.

He has a permit to carry a concealed weapon anywhere in the state, and one evening he was visiting a friend who was in the hospital. "I was sitting on a chair, next to the bed, and I had to lean over to reach for something," Taylor said. "The damn gun fell somehow out of the holster, and banged onto the floor."

Now Taylor carries the gun in a belt holster or in his pocket.

Not every gun-toting Romantic with a penchant for seemingly big, easy bucks, can become a private investigator.

The Michigan State Police license all of the state's private investigators. Lt. Roy Coger, commanding officer of the licensing unit, said there are a scant 227 licensed detective agencies in the state. Although some agencies have more than one working detective, Coger said over 50 percent of them are one-man shows.

Before a man is licensed, he needs the permission of his local police department and the county prosecutor, Conger said. To be eligible, a person must be either a three-year veteran of a police force or a governmental investigative unit or have a college degree in police administration. You must be 25, at least a high school graduate and have no felony or high misdemeanor convictions. All applicants are investigated by the state police, Coger added.

Taylor has almost six years of police experience, having worked as a dog catcher and deputy for the Berrien county sheriff and as a Covert township patrolman.

In his seven months as an investigator, Taylor has not drawn his gun, used his fists or handled a criminal investiga-

tion. Besides insurance investigations and the nightly security checks, he has investigated claims of child neglect, usually made by one divorced spouse against the other; determined when a husband or wife was "cheating" on the other and rounded up people who posted bail bonds to keep out of jail, then left town. Clients in the last case are local bondsmen.

When he has time, Taylor watches crime shows on television. His favorite private eye show is "Cannon." Taylor said, "I like him as a character, but the show's not real. No detective will shoot somebody else with as little cause as they do on television. And all detectives don't drive big, new cars, either," the owner of a 1967 Pontiac and 1970 Buick concluded.

Die Casters Elect Two Area Men

CHICAGO — Two southwestern Michigan industrial executives were elected to offices of the American Die Casting Institute (ADCI) during the institute's 45th annual meeting, here.

P.A.R. Findlay, vice president and general manager of Paramount Die Casting, St. Joseph, was re-elected as one of the institute's three vice presidents.

W.T. Andresen, assistant to the president, Du-Wei Metal Products, Inc., Bangor, was elected new vice chairman of the institute's die casting research foundation, the technical arm of the ADCI.

Roger C. Shurtliff, president of St. Louis Die Casting corporation, Bridgeton, Mo., was elected as president of the ADCI.

The ADCI is made up of custom die casters in this country and abroad and suppliers to the industry.

SJ Elks Pay Honor To Their Old Timers

St. Joseph Elks Lodge No. 541 honored almost two centuries of "Elkdom" at Old Timers night last week.

Special recognition was extended to John Morlock who celebrated his 60th year in the Lodge.

Members granted life mem-



DR. PETER A. DUAL
University of Texas

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1973

Area
Highlights

Time Is Running Out On State Lawmakers

Major Bills Still In Limbo

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan legislature will have three weeks, beginning next Monday, to salvage a fall session which so far has seen little action on major measures.

Leadership in both houses have agreed to meet until Dec. 14 in an effort to enact, or at least provide movement on, a list of important bills requested by Gov. Milliken more than a month ago.

Toppling the list is campaign reform, which has been highly visible in its lack of progress in a Senate committee. But Milliken, concerned about getting action by Christmas, may begin applying some heat to lawmakers.

Sen. Milton Zaagman, R-Grand Rapids, said Tuesday, however, legislation to control campaign financing and "reaffirm the public's right to know who is financing what candidates" will be sent to the Senate floor soon.

Milliken expressed his concern over campaign reform and other major matters in a letter Tuesday to Sen. Robert VanderLaan, R-Kentwood, the Senate majority leader, and asked him to extend the Senate's scheduled adjournment for another week.

"I am certain you agree with me that this is not sufficient time to complete significant action on most of the major bills now pending," Milliken said of the two-week proposal.

"If the session could be extended, there are proposals either sufficiently advanced on the calendar or for which there appears to be such substantial support that completion prior to Dec. 31 could occur."

Rep. Dennis Cawthorne, R-Manistee, the minority floor leader in the House, called Tuesday for Democrats to cooperate with GOP legislators in boosting campaign reform in the last days of the 1973 session.

Cawthorne criticized the Dems' "silence" on political reform, and urged them to support a campaign finance disclosure bill introduced by

Rep. Hal Ziegler, R-Jackson, which parallels the Milliken bill in the Senate.

According to key lawmakers, Milliken's problems lie in two areas, in addition to whatever leadership he has or has not provided on his special priority legislation.

One, according to VanderLaan and Cawthorne, is that bills were not ready to be introduced when Milliken submitted his special messages to the legislature calling for their enactment, and had yet to be drafted in many cases. This

caused substantial delay.

And, as House Speaker William Ryan, D-Detroit, pointed out, the measures are not simple but promote substantial, complicated changes.

"Milliken has the same problem we do—working out the practical difficulties," Ryan said. "He's endorsed the principles, but he hasn't done any better job than the rest of us in determining practical details."

Ryan said the legislature's lack of action on major issues in its first five weeks of the session hasn't surprised him.

"We're tackling very difficult problems requiring much off-the-floor work," he said. "We've been holding a lot of meetings."

Most key lawmakers expressed disagreement—at least for the record—with the argument that little will be done after the first of the year because it is an election year.

"I would think it might work the other way—the heat is on to look good," Cawthorne said.

"Politics always plays a part in what we do, and in an election year it probably plays a little greater part," Ryan said. "But, for instance, I don't think the ethics package will be impaired because it's an election year. It might be enhanced."

But some legislators don't want political reform, and the longer the bills go unapproved next year the less chance they'll have. So much will depend upon Milliken's desire to see action right away.

"It depends on how badly the governor wants it, whether he's willing to knock heads to get results," commented Sen. William Ballenger, R-Ovid.

Milliken's ability to "knock heads" might be reduced somewhat, however, with the departure of his top legislative liaison man to Michigan's Court of Appeals. Glenn Allen has been appointed to fill a vacancy created by the appointment of appeals court Judge John Fitzgerald to the Supreme Court.

"It might make a difference," said Cawthorne. "Allen is a real arm-twister, and he's probably the most respected of the governor's aides, at least among the Republicans."

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Garbage Gasman Path To Door Of World Beating

LESLIE, Mich. (AP) — Floyd Wallace, who claims he makes gasoline in his back yard from rubbish, says he's been deluged by calls about his process and has bad offers to put his backyard refinery on the market.

The calls, including one Wallace said was from Ford Motor Co., started after his device was publicized earlier this week. His homemade refinery makes 10 gallons of gas from 700 pounds of leaves and other debris.

But Wallace apparently isn't interested in the wealth his invention might bring.

"What I want to find is a good-looking wife," said Wallace, a former high school chemistry teacher who owns a 36-acre farm near here. "The reason I built the thing in the first place is just to show people that it could be done. I'm happy have done that."

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South Haven Schools Sell Land At Profit

SOUTH HAVEN — Land purchased by the South Haven school board in 1971 as the site for a proposed middle school was sold by the board last night for \$8,805 more than it cost.

The board sold the 5.6 acres to Henry Compton of South Haven, for \$22,830. It had purchased the site for \$14,025.

Plans to use the land for a middle school were dropped after property next to it was earmarked for use as an apartment development site. It is located on Blue Star Memorial highway at 6th avenue in South Haven township.

Compton's bid on the property was the only one received.

In other action, the board accepted the low \$9,642 bid of the Moline Drain Tile company of Moline to install a drainage system on land used as practice fields by high school athletic teams.

Supt. Harold Gaarde was authorized to begin installing burglar alarms in the system's buildings.

Board action was apparently prompted by a report from Gaarde who said he interrupted a burglary of the high school building and his office Sunday night. Gaarde said he was working in his office when he heard glass break. The superintendent said he was unsuccessful in catching the intruders. The school system has been plagued by burglaries this year.

The board voted to continue its \$1,200 annual contribution to the Van Buren county mental health services. Eighty one

students received services from the agency last year according to Gaarde.

The board endorsed the participation of the high school choir in an international youth music festival in Austria next summer. The cost of the trip will be borne by the choir and not with school funds according to Gaarde.

The high bid of \$826 from William Dickema of South

Adventist Educators Will Meet

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Educational superintendents and supervisors of the Seventh-day Adventist parochial school system in the United States and Canada will convene for a five-day workshop at Andrews University, Nov. 25-29.

Directing the workshop are Dr. Clifford Jaqua, professor of education at AU, and Dr. Millie Youngberg, associate professor of education. Lecturers and resource persons include nine other AU faculty and a dozen Adventist educational leaders from throughout the country, including Dr. Walter Howe and Dr. Ethel Young from Adventist headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The Adventist church operates 83 secondary academies and 911 elementary schools in North America.

Haven for a used truck was accepted.

The school board authorized increasing its own liability insurance coverage from \$250,000 to \$2 million per incident and from \$1.5 million to \$2 million for the annual aggregate of claims.

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Garage Damaged By Fire

A fire this morning at 5:15 a.m. did extensive damage to an attached garage at an abandoned house on 164 Chestnut street, Benton township, Benton township firemen reported. Fire officials stated the garage was completely gutted, but a house was damaged only by smoke. The blaze reportedly did an estimated \$1,500 damage. The cause was not determined. Firemen stated the owner of the house was not immediately known.

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REPUBLICANS GATHER: Berrien and Cass county Republicans met with John B. Connally, former treasury secretary, at Michiana Republican rally last night at Notre Dame Athletic and Convocation center, South Bend. Connally was speaker at \$100

per plate fund-raising rally, attended by about 1,500 Michigan and Indiana party faithful. From left are Herman Saitz, Cass county GOP chairman; John Connally; Mrs. George Behrends, New Buffalo; and Mrs. Connally. (Staff photo)

GOP Future Bright, Connally Tells Rally

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